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RFK Jr. Sues YouTube and Google, Alleges 'Misinformation Policies' Violated His First Amendment Rights

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Children's Health Defense founder and chairman on leave, this week filed a lawsuit against YouTube and its parent company, Google, alleging the social media giant violated his First Amendment rights when they censored interviews he did with Joe Rogan, Jordan Peterson and others.

By **Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.**

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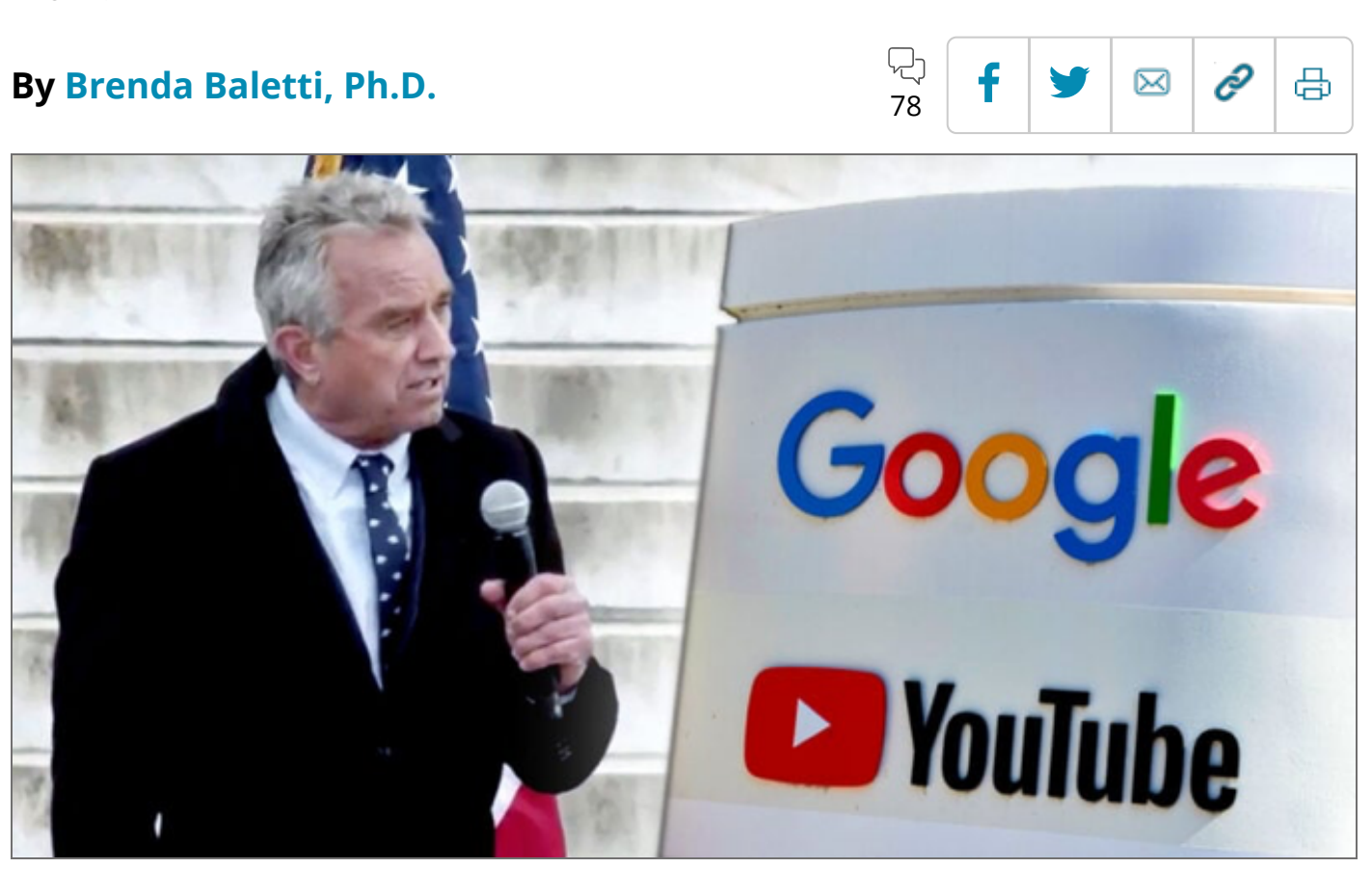

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Children's Health Defense founder and chairman on leave, this week filed a lawsuit against YouTube and its parent company, Google, alleging the social media giant violated his First Amendment rights.

According to Kennedy, who is running for the Democratic nomination for president of the U.S., YouTube engaged in a "censorship campaign" that included removing videos of his speech at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire and interviews he did with clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson and podcaster Joe Rogan.

The complaint, filed Aug. 2 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, alleges the U.S. government has taken "extraordinary steps" under Joe Biden's leadership "to silence people it does not want Americans to hear," including himself and many others.

That censorship makes it difficult for Kennedy to reach millions of voters and also for his supporters to amplify his message, the complaint says.

The lawsuit predicts the censorship will continue throughout Kennedy's campaign, intensifying as the primaries approach.

"Mr. Kennedy often speaks at length about topics people would like to ignore, including the negative health effects of toxic chemicals and potential safety concerns about the COVID-19 shots," the complaint reads. "Then YouTube uses its "medical misinformation" policies — developed in partnership with federal government agencies and the Biden administration — to justify removing his videos.

In doing so, the platform censored not only Kennedy's comments on medical issues, but the entire content of his speeches and interviews, according to the suit.

Although YouTube is a private company, it is not simply a publisher, the complaint alleges — it has become "an important platform for political discourse in America, a digital town square that voters trust as a place to get news and opinions about the issues of the day."

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According to the complaint:

> "YouTube operates as a public forum, the digital equivalent of a town square. As such, it cannot remove protected speech, especially political speech, based on its viewpoint. …
>
> "There is a sufficiently close nexus between YouTube and the federal government such that YouTube's actions may be fairly treated as that of the government itself."

Although YouTube cited its own COVID-19 vaccine misinformation policies to censor Kennedy, those policies "rely entirely on government officials to decide what information gets censored," according to the lawsuit.

For example, the suit says YouTube doesn't allow content that "contradicts local health authorities' (LHA) or the World Health Organization's (WHO) medical information about COVID-19," and the guidance on those policies only changes based on government decisions.

Kennedy also called YouTube's medical misinformation policies "unconstitutional" because they are "vague" and "overbroad" and "because they give unnamed government officials, who the policies depend entirely on, the unfettered discretion to decide what information gets removed from YouTube."

Kennedy is seeking injunctive relief to prohibit YouTube from further censoring his speech, and the restoration of any videos of his political speech removed during the campaign.

Kennedy also seeks a declaration that Google and YouTube violated his First Amendment rights and that its medical misinformation policies are unconstitutional.

The Defender on occasion posts content related to Children's Health Defense's nonprofit mission that features Mr. Kennedy's views on the issues CHD and The Defender regularly cover. In keeping with Federal Election Commission rules, this content does not represent an endorsement of Mr. Kennedy, who is on leave from CHD and is seeking the Democratic nomination for president of the U.S.

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kris
12 days ago
Unfortunately Google and YouTube are behaving like arms of the military industrial complex. This is why presidents have been trying to censor the internet going back to George w. Bush-- when we can openly communicate we can have some checks and balances on the global war machine and these non stop arms races

The difference is that back when Bush was calling for censorship.. the general public realized that was a bad idea! How are so many on the 'left' supporting censorship and thinking it's intellectual or progressive?! People need to wake up to the corruption fast!
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kaoshispano → kris
11 days ago
Internet really was made and put in PUBLIC MODE for control us, and for direct us, and for dominate us until be killed... that happens now with the PHARMA and the genic shoots... ORWELL would be afraid of how the people eat this BIG LIE of the digital society.
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GarySummers → kris
10 days ago
"If You Support The Regular American People, USA, Constitution, You Must Be Silenced, Censored, & Destroyed"

USA is a Corporation, the Globalist are a Corporation, Trump, RFK.Jr, Bernie Sanders, Cornel West, are for the American People. The Globalist Corporation, thought Hillary Clinton was a Shoe In. In 2016 she was going to give them Two Proxy Wars, Iran, and Ukraine, plus a three year Covid Gift to Big Pharma? They never thought Trump was going to Win!

They are upset he did not give them two Proxy Wars, plus he Improved the Middle Class on Wages, and by keeping Illegal Aliens out of the Country which the 'Corporate State uses to Suppress American's Wages'. Plus when they took us off the 'Gold Standard' 1972, that destroyed Wages, if we were still on the 'Gold Standard' 3X your Hourly Wage is what you would be making today. Plus they advocated for Women to go to Work so you would not notice your Wage degraded, remember the Movie 9-5 they pushed?

The Corporate Globalist State is already trying to Destroy RFK.Jr, what they are doing to Trump is eventually what they will do to anyone who is a Political Threat...
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Brave Freedom → GarySummers
10 days ago
Excellent comment and well stated.
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GarySummers → Brave Freedom
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I would also add all those for the "American People, and the Republic,"
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michiganwoman → kris
11 days ago
Maybe they are our government. Surprise anyone if they were?
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GarySummers → michiganwoman
10 days ago
"Expect the Corporate State, CIA, MIComplex, (IKE Warned us about) Globalist, to go after RFK.Jr."

"RFK Jr. Is MORE POPULAR Than Biden Or Trump! ~ New Poll"
According to a recently released poll from Harvard-Harris, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has a "far higher net favorability rating than any other 2024 presidential candidate". 47 percent of Americans reportedly feel favorably toward RFK Jr. while just 26 percent feel unfavorably toward the Democratic aspirant.
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Rod
12 days ago
Glad that RFK and CHD are filing lawsuits to address censorship and hold people like Fauci responsible for killing such a large number of people.

I just don't have much faith in our justice system to make rulings based on the evidence. The covid years have proven that we cannot trust our government, which includes the judiciary. I hope I am proven wrong.
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Brian Collecott → Rod
11 days ago edited
Well, I've read that Google shares some board members with Pfizer, and Reuters - an organisation that feeds the majority of our news services in the UK and USA. Hardly unbiased regarding what we would want to know and discuss.
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Jerry Alatalo → Brian Collecott
10 days ago
Further reading on the important, under-reported "interlocking directorates" subject:

(1914) "Other People's Money and How the Bankers Use It" is a collection of essays written by Louis Brandeis published as a book in 1914. The book attacked the use of investment funds to promote the consolidation of various industries under the control of a small number of corporations, which Brandeis alleged were working in concert to prevent competition. Brandeis harshly criticized investment bankers who controlled large amounts of money deposited in their banks by middle-class people. The heads of these banks, Brandeis pointed out, routinely sat on the boards of railroad companies and large industrial manufacturers of various products, and routinely directed the resources of their banks to promote the interests of their own companies. These companies, in turn, sought to maintain control of their industries by crushing small businesses and stamping out innovators who developed better products to compete against them.
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"Shifting 'Your Bank Accounts' to *FedNow* 'Without Your Knowledge' - by Lynette Zang"
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Priscilla King → Brian Collecott
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YA LO CREO! I wonder whether Twitter shares board members with Bayer, Lilly, and/or Merck?
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brbg → Priscilla King
8 days ago
We already know that CDC, FDA and other alphabet agencies have an executive pipeline to BIG Pharma companies. Those agencies are supposed to work for the best interests of the people but their major funding comes from Bill Gates and Big Pharma. This should all be illegal!
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brbg → Brian Collecott
8 days ago
And each social media company has hired former FBI and CIA operatives in their censorship jobs. So the current law being pushed now will not work. Those former justice department workers will just speak to their cohorts in the FBI and CIA and censor whatever the government wants censored.
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Bill Rood
12 days ago
YouTube and Google arguably violated the 1st Amendment even if they did so independent of any government request or pressure. That's because they operate under a corporate charter granted by one of the united states. They are therefor an agent of government and should be subject to the restrictions set forth in the 1st Amendment, just as state and local governments are subject. This is independent of Citizens United, which established the rights of persons for artificial entities but said nothing about exempting those artificial entities from restrictions set forth in the 1st Amendment.
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Caroline Cary Davidson → Bill Rood
11 days ago
excellent point!
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GarySummers → Bill Rood
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1.) "REVEALED: *Google & USAID* Funded Wuhan Collaborator Peter Daszak's Virus Experiments For Over A Decade."
https://thenationalpulse.co...

2.) "Google now has a *Pharmaceutical Division* headed by GlaxosSmithKline's former chairman of its global vaccine business."
https://organicconsumers.or...
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Claudia
12 days ago
It is time we hold American companies to American standards. Thank you for bringing this lawsuit.
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mcwinaz
12 days ago
Not sure how far he'll get with this, but anything that causes more grief for these toxic companies, I'm all for..
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GarySummers
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We Either have a 'Constitution' and a 'Bill Of Rights' Or we are now living in a Banana Republic
"RFK Jr. Alleges White House and Big Giants Have Partnered to Censor His Presidential Bid"

Candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has filed a lawsuit accusing Google and YouTube of engaging in a campaign to silence him in an attempt to undermine his bid to secure the Democratic Party's presidential nomination over President Joe Biden for 2024.

This complaint was first surfaced by Law.com Radar.

In the Aug. 2 complaint, filed by JW Howard Attorneys in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Kennedy claims that Google and YouTube used their medical misinformation policies as a pretense to remove videos depicting his views regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and the pharmaceutical industry in order to undermine his bid to secure the nomination over Biden.
https://www.law.com/thereco...
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Brian Collecott → GarySummers
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Given the huge number of casualties from this 'virus' and vaccination it is completely outrageous.
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That was the globalist's depopulation plan in action.
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George Washington
12 days ago
Way to go Mr. Kennedy. Make them scream! These people are evil!
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GarySummers → George Washington
10 days ago edited
Vey Evil, JFK, RFK, MLK, Nixon., now Trump.
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Cheryl Parker
12 days ago
Whenever the government censors anyone, particularly an American citizen running for president, it begs the question, why. My guess, those controlling the "conventional narrative" fear what might be exposed. This should frighten every American. How easily Americans gave up certain liberties following 911. It is time for every American to demand our first amendment be reinstated.

There is no better person to take on the authoritarian establishment than RFK Jr. He continues to impress the population who've been denied hearing his message.
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GarySummers → Cheryl Parker
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IMO: Soon the 'Corporate Globalist Cartel', will be going after RFK.Jr, like they have Trump!

"The REAL REASON For Trump's Latest Indictment!"
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Fräulein Zina
12 days ago
American is in serious trouble heading to communism at 200mph. Why is it that Kennedy seems to be the only one calling out these evil entities and notably Gates who with China is on a hardcore mission to kill as many people as he can and he has surpassed millions with his vaccines. We have our entire government and the extended branches compromised by either blackmail or bribes from Google, Big Pharma, Gates, Soros, WEF etc. Our government both republicans and democrats have sold out Americans for profit, fame and power.
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Harvey Merriam → Fräulein Zina
12 days ago
Corporatism is not communism; it is fascism. China is fascist too; it is communist in name only.
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blessthebeasts → Harvey Merriam
11 days ago
The difference is that in China, corporations follow the orders of the government while everywhere else the governments follow the orders of the corporations. 🤔
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Brian Collecott → Harvey Merriam
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Yes, I see them as Centrists posing as the Left- someone has to cop the blame other than them. Biden,for example, is hardly communist.
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GarySummers → Brian Collecott
10 days ago
IMO: "Most of his Puppet Masters are, plus they did not give his Family, many, many, $Millions$ for Nothing."
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GarySummers → Fräulein Zina
10 days ago edited
Americans need to Wake Up Before It Is To Late? Iranian Military aged Men also! Dec 6, 1941, 'Sir they think they spotted an Unknown Submarine within the Pearl Harbor Restricted Zone!' Nothing to worry about Kid, most likely a Baby Whale. lol

Are all those Empty 'Amazon Warehouse's', going to be used as Re-Education Centers?

"Red Chinese Illegal Border Crossers Have Ties To People's Liberation Army"

Chinese Communist Party (CCP) military-age males are illegally crossing the American border. They are joining the millions of other illegal aliens who have crossed the border.
https://www.conservativehq....
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Fräulein Zina → GarySummers
9 days ago
Good question. There is an agenda with allowing these people to cross the border. Americans need to be prepared. There's going to be voter fraud for sure with these immigrants ... but more sinister and probable, a planned invasion on the Americans in their own homes.
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Grommit
12 days ago
You can't trust the government; they are all liars. Biden, Harris, Coney, Clapper, Wrey, Fauci ..... ad nauseam

And Big media.... Are are liberal cockroches who are hellbent on turning the U.S. into some kind of Romper Room.... Allowing chaos and anyone and their family into our country
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GarySummers → Grommit
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"CIA, Globalist Corporate Cartel's, soon going after 'Glen Greenwald', for breaking down the Trump Political Attempted Destruction"

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Brian Collecott → Grommit
11 days ago
Same in UK.
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Scott Malaga
11 days ago
Speaking of topics people would like to ignore, I encourage everyone to read the book "Cobalt Red". I hope that RFK Jr. can also address the atrocities going on with the people of the Congo, especially children, who are being exploited while supplying the cobalt used in all the EV batteries the left is trying to push and the products the tech companies sell. Before you jump on the climate change bandwagon and push for these electric vehicles, learn a little bit about the people that are being exploited.
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Brian Collecott → Scott Malaga
11 days ago
Well we now have corporations looking to wreck the oceans in the cause of car battery-related sea bed mining operations.
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GarySummers → Brian Collecott
10 days ago edited
"Why Not To Buy An Electric Vehicle!"
It takes almost #30,000 Gallons of Water to put an Electric Car Fire out almost #100,000 Gals, for a School Bus. A City or Town that may not have a Public Water System?, plus most Fire Trucks only carry #750 gallons of Water. How are they even allowed on the road? NTSA bought off?
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Jennifer Collins Brever → Scott Malaga
11 days ago
Electric vehicles seem like a fad.
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Dennis
12 days ago
I hope you win the lawsuit! Our constitution is being ripped to shreds by our swamp government and media!
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helenme
12 days ago
Thank God! Someone needs to stand up for free speech in our increasingly " ruled by the few" un-democratic country. The time has come for " good men and women to come to the aid of their country."
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John Best
12 days ago
YouTube deleted 30 of my videos. I want $1 billion for each one they deleted and I want them put back up.
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Priscilla King → John Best
10 days ago
Hah. Twitter shadowbanned my entire network to death. I've not seen any legitimate interaction, except one poor sweet Christian who was going out of his way to be nice, during the past year. That's why I now think of Twitter as a basically ANTIsocial medium that currently enables people to scream their own messages into a vacuum where no one's listening. Makes it an effective way to bedevil corporations, but not to do much else. I put a lot of time and thought into building a network on Twitter and I want Twitter to be forced to rebuild that network for me. AND pay for my time!
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GarySummers → John Best
10 days ago
"Youtube and Google part of Big Pharma!" One Big Happy Family.
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shasta.o
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I am very proud of this man. He is very brave. He comes from a long line of service-oriented

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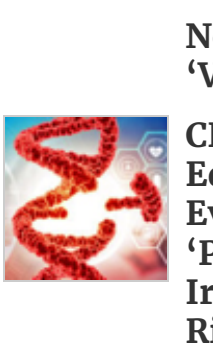

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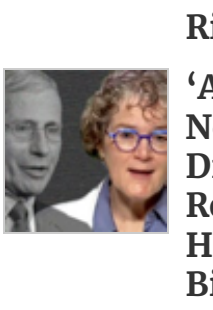

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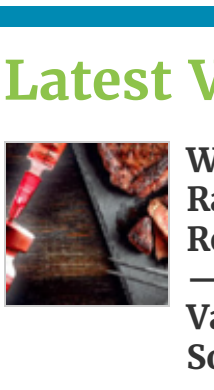

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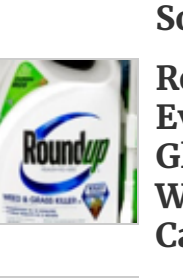

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